designed rumble strips at places like approaches to sharp curves or level crossings, congested or accident prone sections etc., where control of speed is unavoidable. Rumble strips are raised section IS to 20 mm high, 200—300 mm wide and spaced about one metre, centre to centre in series of roughly IS to 20 at one location provided across the entire width of carriageway and paved shoulder. All policy matters regarding National Highways come within the purview of this Ministry.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. State Government has been advised to remove speed breakers.

Expert Committee on road safety at NH-5

2109. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to constitute a Committee of road safety experts and social activists to study high accident prone areas on the National Highway No. S in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the areas which would be identified for such a study;

(c) the steps being taken to study and consider such positive ideas in the interest of road safety; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Road safety aspects are being taken into consideration while formulating proposals for development and maintenance of National Highways.

Study on rising road accidents in Andhra Pradesh

2110. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government have necessary expertise to study problems regarding road safety;

(b) whether it is a fact that large funds and personnel have been earmarked for making roads safer in the country;

(c) if so, whether Government have not reacted to requests for study on high-incidence areas of road accidents in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether Government's attention has been repeatedly and frequently drawn to the certain spots and segments in the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh as being high accident prone; and

(e) the reasons for the refusal of Government to despatch expert teams to reduce the death toll?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) National Highways Authority of India has received representations concerning certain accident prone areas on NH-5 from Appanaveedu to Paraveli. This Section is proposed to be improved as a four lane facility. Further, various safety measures like construction of Road over bridges, provision of central median, improvement of interesections and road geometries, railings on high embankment, provision of road signs and road markings etc. are being included in the projects being taken up for the development of National Highways.

Repair of Damaged National Highways in Punjab

2111. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the length of National Highways damaged in Punjab during last one decade;

(b) the details of the Natiotial Highways so affected, district-wise;

(c) the amount of fund required to repair the damaged Highways;

(d) whether Government have sanctioned any funds for the purpose so far; and